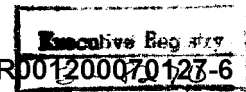


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Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Chief
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The fifth annual conference on the Near East held under the auspices of our Department is scheduled this year for Friday and Saturday, May 22-23. The general topic will be "The Near East: between Dictatorship and Democracy". We invite to our conferences representatives of the Government, of industry, particularly oil, and of education, and ask them to view the problems involved from their own angle. The conferences are held behind closed doors. No publicity whatsoever is given. In the past we have had Mr. George C. McGhee.

Can you this year honor us with your presence and give us the pleasure of hearing you lead a discussion on this problem of the Near East, as viewed by you. I shall give you more details as soon as I receive a favorable reply from you.

High regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Philip K. Hitti
Chairman

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